

## THE GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 16, 1859.

## A NEW GAME.

In the vicinity of West Alexandria, Va., a number of neighbors have been in the habit of attending for some time, social parties—got up something after the order of the free-love gatherings. Among those who took a lively interest in these societies were Mr. and Mrs. George Carner, a Miss Curtis, and a Mr. May. By way of killing time, a new game was introduced at these parties, called the "Shanghai game," which is described as follows:

One of the gentlemen mounts a chair, flaps his arms like a rooster, and crows lustily. The first lady detected laughing at this ridiculous action, is pursued by the Shanghai, and a race ensues, continuing till the female is overtaken, when by arranging till she has run some distance from the house. This game was played for a long time with huge success, and at last an intimacy savoring at least of impropriety, grew out of it. Geo. Carner became exceedingly fond of Miss Curtis, and every time he crowded, she was sure to laugh. This kind of thing did not suit Mrs. Carner, and in order to retaliate upon her worthless husband, she got to laughing at the crowd of Mr. May.

Things went thus until a few days ago, when Mrs. C. suddenly disappeared with May, leaving three children at home. About the same time her husband ran away with Miss Curtis, and the children are thus entirely deserted and alone. This disgraceful business has excited, as it should, great indignation, and tar and feathers are freely hinted, if an opportunity should occur for the application of these articles. The Shanghai game is in bad repute.

## RUSSIA AND THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

Biblical geographers point to the Lake Jan, in Northern Armenia, as a new Eden, in possession, as the spot where once was situated the paradise lost by the fault of Adam and Eve. Old-European theorists, especially Bensen, located the cradle of the race (or the primitive Eden) in Northern Asia. It occupied all the present western and part of eastern Siberia, extending from 40 degrees to 53 degrees latitude, and from 60 degrees to 100 degrees longitude. The Arctic ocean, at that time as pleasant as the Mediterranean, with the Ural mountains as islands, was the northern boundary. On the east lay the Altai and the Chinese Blue or Celestial mountains; on the south the Pampanis, or Hindoo-Koosh; and on the west the Caucasus and the Ararat. Both the Russians and the Armenians possessed. Besides, Russian influence is preponderant in Jerusalem; and the spot in Rome assigned by archaeologists as the one where Romulus was nursed by a she wolf, is Russian property, having been bought by Nicholas for the sake of excavations. By a curious coincidence Russia owns, in this way, the places most sacred in the history of our race.—N. Y. Post.

## THE POWER OF SPEECH.

The following pleasing anecdote is related of the celebrated travelling preacher, George Whitefield:

"In the early part of his life, Mr. Whitefield was preaching to an open field, when a drummer happened to be present, who was determined to interrupt his pious business, and suddenly beat his drum in a violent manner in order to drown the preacher's voice. Mr. Whitefield, who spoke very loud, bore it as long as he could, but was compelled at last to beat a retreat. He therefore called out to the drummer in these words: 'Friend, you and I serve the two greatest masters existing, but in different callings; you beat up for volunteers for King George, I, for the Lord Jesus. In God's name, then, let us not interrupt each other, the world is wide enough for both, and we may get recruits in abundance.' This speech had the effect on the drummer that he went away in great good humor, and left the preacher in full possession of the field.

## CASE OF CONSCIENCE.

The widow of Mr. John R. Sayre, formerly a grocer at the corner of Market and Beaver streets, Newark, N. J., and subsequently on Railroad avenue, was waited upon one evening last week by a gentleman, who handed her a roll of bills, amounting to \$149. Stating that they were from an employee of her husband several years since, who, while a boy, had taken the sum from the drawer at various times in small amounts. The gentleman refused his name or that of the young man, merely stating that it was an act of restitution. The money was mostly in 1's and 2's and bore the appearance of having been accumulated gradually. The restorer is unknown, but it is supposed he was one of the subjects of the religious revival last winter, and that he has been since saving the money in order to clear his conscience of guilt.

## CANDIDATES.

**Fillow-Citizens:**—I appear before you once more as a candidate for your suffrages to the office of Superintendent of Gas, having held the office for the last three years, during which time and to its duties, according to the best of my ability. During the time I have been the incumbent, I have visited several of the principal Gas Works in the country, endeavoring to acquire a knowledge of the manufacture, distribution, and consumption of gas, and have brought what information I have in regard to perfecting the Works which I have in charge, to the public attention. I have acquired a perfect knowledge of the Works which I have in charge, to the public attention. I have acquired a perfect knowledge of the Works which I have in charge, to the public attention.

**SECOND WARD.**  
Wm. H. HANDEMAN, was a candidate for Superintendent of Gas Works. A service of seven years in connection with the practical operations of the Works, will enable him, if elected, to discharge the duties to the interest of the Works and satisfaction of consumers.

Having received some solicitations on the subject—I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Gas, and most respectfully solicit the suffrages of my fellow-citizens. [Feb 12—note] JOSEPH GRIMES.

**FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF GAS.**—A. F. SKIMMER will be supported for the office of Superintendent of Gas, at the ensuing election, on Feb 12—note.

We are authorized to announce Wm. J. HEDDON, as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Gas, at the ensuing election, on Feb 12—note.

At the solicitation of friends, and with a desire for the position, feeling fully competent to discharge the duties, I announce myself a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Police at the ensuing election. I pledge myself to give my undivided attention, and if elected, will be the pleasure of my fellow-citizens to elect me. [Feb 12—note] SAMUEL BEACH.

We are authorized to announce Captain JOSEPH C. MOORE as a candidate for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Police, on Feb 12—note.

**FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.**—At the solicitation of many friends, I announce myself a candidate for Superintendent of Police, and if elected, will be the pleasure of my fellow-citizens to elect me. [Feb 12—note] PETER G. HENDERSON.

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